

## Message Text

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O R 102123Z MAY 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY KABUL

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 119326

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR, NP, AF

SUBJECT: AFGHAN COUP

REFS: (A) STATE 118510; (B) KATHMANDU 2401

1. REF A IS BEING REPEATED TO YOU. IT PROVIDES INFORMATION  
WHICH YOU CAN ADAPT AND DRAW ON IN YOUR CONVERSATION WITH  
THE KING AT DINNER ON MAY 11.

2. WE HAVE HAD ONLY LIMITED DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE ABOUT  
AFGHANISTAN SINCE THE COUP. USLO PEKING INFORMED CHINESE  
IN ADVANCE OF US INTENTION TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
WITH GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN. PRC RECOGNIZED NEW GOVERN-  
MENT ON MAY 8. WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE PRC IS UPSET BY  
COUP AND PERCEIVES IT AS "ANOTHER SOVIET TRIUMPH". VANCE

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## Message Attributes

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